TOWNSHIP OF UPPER CAPE MAY COUNTY RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. 132-2023

HONORING AMERICAN REVOLUTION PATRIOT HENRY YOUNG AT THE 227-YEAR-OLD BURIAL SITE IN YOUNG BURYING GROUND, PETERSBURG, NJ

WHEREAS, on Saturday, May 6, 2023 the American Revolution Patriot Henry Young will be recognized and honored by American Legion Post 239, the New Jersey Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, and the General Lafayette Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution at a memorial of the 227-year-old burial site in the Young Family Burying Ground, located on Tyler Road in Petersburg; and

WHEREAS, the burying ground is now owned and overseen by the US Fish and Wildlife Service in the US Department of the Interior; and

WHEREAS, on April 16, 1777, Henry Young was elected to serve as an Ensign in Captain Willet Jr.'s Second Company, Cape May Battalion, New Jersey Militia; and

WHEREAS, though not fully documented, Captain Willet Jr.'s Second Company was known to be at the Battle of Red Bank in Gloucester County on October 22, 1777 when a British and Hessian force was sent to take Fort Mercer just south of Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, the Battle of Red Bank played a crucial role in the Revolutionary War because the British and Hessian force was decisively defeated by a far inferior force of colonial defenders and this victory supplied a greatly needed morale boost to the American cause; and

WHEREAS, Henry Young continued his life in Cape May County with his wife, Millicent Townsend, and their children until his death on November 5, 1795 at the age of 49; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Upper, in the County of Cape May and the State of New Jersey, that the Township Committee on behalf of the people of the Township of Upper does hereby recognize, commend and honor the memory of American Revolution Patriot Henry Young for his unerring patriotism and service to our nation.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS and the seal of the Township of Upper this 24th day of April, 2023.

JAY NEWMAN Mayor

KIMBERLY HAYES, Deputy Mayor

CURTIS T. CORSON, JR., Committee Member

MARK E. PANCOAST, Committee Member

VICTOR W. NAPPEN, II, Committee Member

JOANNE R. HERRON, Municipal Clerk